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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 1847

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, PARM, GR, TU
SUBJECT: F-16 AIRCRAFT FOR GREECE

REF: (A) ATHENS 1162 (DTG 081559Z FEB78) (B) STATE 39154
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1. AS FORECAST IN REF A, GENERAL DYNAMICS (GD) REPRESENTATIVES
VISITED ATHENS FEB 23-27 AND DISCUSSED AN F-16 PROGRAM WITH
HELLENIC AIR FORCE (HAF) OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE CHIEF. DURING
A FEB 27 VISIT TO JUSMAGG, GD SUMMARIZED THEIR HAF TALKS AS
FOLLOWS:

A. HAF IS HIGHLY INTERESTED IN AN F-16 PURCHASE.
B. AN INCREASED NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT WAS DISCUSSED (80 VICE 40).
C. HAF INDICATED IT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SIGNING SOME KIND
OF LETTER OF INTENT WITH GD TO RESERVE AN AIRCRAFT DELIVERY
BLOCK IN CY 82.

2. AS DIRECTED IN REF B, GD BOOKLETS F-16-223 WERE RETURNED TO
GD REPS WHO PRESENTED THEM TO HAF DURING VISIT.

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3. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE THE FOREGOING SINCE WE HAVE
HAD NO RECENT DIRECT CONTACT WITH HAF CONCERNING F-16'S, AS
INSTRUCTED, BUT FROM COMMENTS OF GD REPS IT APPEARS THAT HAF
IS READY TO MAKE SOME SORT OF COMMITMENT TO GD IN ORDER TO
RESERVE FUTURE DELIVERY DATES. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THIS CAN BE
DONE SINCE IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT F-16 AIRCRAFT WILL BE

PROVIDED ONLY THROUGH FMS CHANNELS. FURTHERMORE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE GOG AT HIGH LEVELS -- WHERE A COMMITMENT DECISION REGARDING SUCH A SIGNIFICANT PURCHASE HAS TO BE MADE -- WOULD BE INCLINED TO DELAY AT LEAST UNTIL THE FUTURE OF THE TWO DCA'S IS CLARIFIED.

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